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Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman  
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Re *Petition for Arbitration of US LEC of Tennessee Inc. of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended*

*Petition of US LEC of Tennessee Inc. to Resolve Dispute with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. on Change of Law Provisions to the Interconnection Agreement*

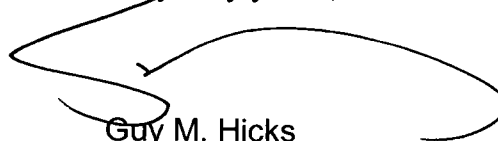
Docket No. 04-00089

Dear Chairman Tate:

The parties recently were ordered by the Authority to file a joint issues matrix by today. The parties have agreed to most of the issues statements and have prepared their respective summary position statements for most of the document as well. A few matters have not been agreed upon and the parties jointly request an extension of time from today until Friday, May 14 to file the joint issues matrix. This will allow additional time for the parties to seek to resolve their differences and increase the likelihood that an agreed, joint matrix can be provided to the Authority. Local counsel for US LEC has authorized me to submit this letter on US LEC's behalf.

A copy of this letter is being provided to counsel for US LEC.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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